

Application Serial No:10/600,726
In reply to Office Action of 1 June 2004

Attorney Docket No. 82839

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application. No claims are allowed. Claims 1-4, 6 and 11 are rejected, and claims 5, 7-10 and 12-14 are objected to. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended by this response. Claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner has rejected claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carroll, III et al (reference F: U.S. Patent No. 5,666,900) in view of Dell' Aria et al (reference B: U.S. Patent No. 3,229,292).

The Examiner has objected to claims 5, 7-10 and 12-14 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but he indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner stated that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

These rejections and objections are respectfully traversed in view of these amendments and remarks.

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Applicants have amended claim 11 in order to make it allowable over the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection.


Applicants have removed "underwater" from the second element of claim 1 because the previous use of "body" does not require this adjective. Claim 1 has been amended by inserting the limitations of claim 8 therein. This is effectively in strict compliance with the Examiner's requirements for allowance of claim 8 because all of the limitations of claim 8 are now provided in independent form as claim 1. Applicants respectfully solicit reconsideration and allowance of claim 1 as amended. It is suggested that claims 2-7 and 9-14 should be allowable by dependency.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

The Examiner is invited to telephone James M. Kasischke, Attorney for Applicants, at 401-832-4736 if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone call would serve to expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application.

Respectfully submitted,
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